## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are canceled without prejudice by the present application. Claims 7-9 are allowed. The present response is submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance by canceling claims 1-6 so that only allowed claims 7-9 are pending.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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